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In re Divisional Application of Application)	
No. 10/144,025 of:)	
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Riichiro TAKAHASHI et al.)	
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Application No.: Unassigned)	
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Filed: April 15, 2004)	<u>Prior Application</u>
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For: ALKALINE SOLUTION AND)	Group Art Unit: 2851
MANUFACTURING METHOD,)	
AND ALKALINE SOLUTION)	Examiner: Alan A. MATHEWS
APPLIED TO PATTERN)	
FORMING METHOD, RESIST)	
FILM REMOVING METHOD,)	
SOLUTION APPLICATION)	
METHOD, SUBSTRATE)	
TREATMENT METHOD,)	
SOLUTION SUPPLY METHOD,)	
AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
MANUFACTURING METHOD)	

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently filed with the above-referenced application.

The listed documents were either previously submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in the parent application, *i.e.*, Application No. 10/144,025, filed May 14,

2002, upon which Applicants claim the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the listed documents can be found in the parent application. Accordingly, it is not required that copies of the listed documents be provided herein. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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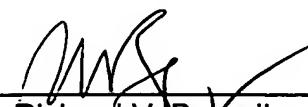
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